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WEEKLY COTTON GRADE AND STAPLE REPORTS FOR  
SOUTHEASTERN STATES FOR WEEK ENDING  
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Cotton grades are lower this season throughout the Southeastern States than for a number of seasons past, according to weekly grade and staple reports issued by the Atlanta office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Samples classed in recent weeks have shown unusually small proportions of the high grades. Only about 5 percent of the ginnings classed this week from Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina is Strict Middling and higher grades; only 2 percent from South Carolina; and less than one half of 1 percent from Virginia. For the season to date, Strict Middling and above is represented in the following proportions: Alabama 17 percent; North Carolina 17 percent; Georgia 15 percent; South Carolina 8 percent; and Virginia 3 percent.

The average staple length is shorter this season, according to reports issued so far, than for last season. The proportion representing the shortest lengths, shorter than 7/8 inch, has increased over last year in some of the States, particularly in Alabama, while at the same time the proportion for the longer lengths, 1 inch and longer, has decreased, particularly in North Carolina and South Carolina, the States that have produced the largest proportions of these lengths. The proportions representing 1 inch and longer lengths for the season to date are as follows: North Carolina 56 percent; South Carolina 51 percent, Georgia 28 percent, Virginia 13 percent, and Alabama 12 percent.



